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1. EMBOFF MET WITH ARIA DIRECTOR FLOREA AND STAFF
MARCH 26 AND RECEIVED OFFICIAL ARIA ACCEPTANCE U.S.
PROPOSAL PROGRAM AILEY IN ROMANIA DURING PERIOD JUNE
30 - JULY 6.

2. ARIA SUGGESTS FOLLOWING ITINERARY: CLUG-BUCHAREST-
TIMISOARA-BELGRADE WITH ONE PERFORMANCE IN CLUJ
(OPERA HOUSE) ON JULY 1, TWO PERFORMANCES IN BUCHAREST
(OPERA HOUSE OR SALA PALATULUI) ON JULY 3 AND 4, AND
FINAL PERFORMANCE IN TIMISOARA (OPERA HOUSE) ON JULY 6.

3. ARIA PROPOSES PAY ALL EXPENSES COMPANY AND PROPERTIES
CLUJ-BELGRADE AS FOLLOWS: CLUJ-BUCHAREST BY PLANE;
BUCHAREST-TIMISOARA BY PLANE; TIMISOARA-BELGRADE BY
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TRAIN. THIS ITINERARY PRESUPPOSES SURFACE TRAVEL

BUDAPEST-CLUJ AND TIMISOARA-BELGRADE POSSIBLE AND ACCEPTABLE. IN ADDITION, ARIA WILL MEET HOTEL COSTS, 100 LEI PER PERSON PER DAY FOOD STIPEND, AND ALL STAGING AND PRODUCTION COSTS.

4. ALTERNATIVELY, SINCE ARIA SCHEME SEEMS DIFFICULT GIVEN TIME LIMITATIONS, SET-UP AND BREAKDOWN REQUIREMENTS, AND TRAVEL SCHEDULES, DEPARTMENT AND COMPANY MAY PREFER THREE BUCHAREST PERFORMANCES JULY 2 (EVENING) AND JULY 3 (MATINEE AND EVENING) AND ONE PERFORMANCE TIMISOARA JULY 5. THIS SCHEDULE PRESERVES ARIA'S FOUR PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT WHILE ELIMINATING CLUJ WHICH, AT MOMENT, COMPLICATES TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY WILLING PRESENT THIS ALTERNATIVE TO ARIA.

5. AS INDICATED PARA 3 AND 4, ARIA PROPOSAL DOES NOT INCLUDE BUDAPEST-BUCHAREST INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BUT INCLUDES ONGOING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO BELGRADE BY TRAIN.

6. ARIA AGREEABLE TO VISIT OF ADVANCE MAN AND WILL PAY INTERNAL HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS THIS VISIT.

7. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND DATES OF ADVANCE VISIT WHEN AVAILABLE.

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